One of the important suggestions received favourably was to increase the number of stipends for trainees at the National Archives of India, instead of starting many centres. The Chairman agreed with the above approach and suggested that a survey could be made as to the number of trained Archivists required in the next ten years. He was sure that it was not possible for the University Grants Commission to entertain any new proposals during the current Plan period. Accordingly the following modified resolution was adopted:

> Resolution IX The Commission recommends that the Universities may provide facilities for archival training, during the 5th Five Year Plan period, if the University Grants Commission could provide financial assistance for the purpose.

(14) Trained Archivists for development of Archival Wings in the Universities

Resolution by Dr.M.N.Das

Resolved that the Universities be directed to include at least one trained Archivist in the staff of the Post-Graduate Department of History for development of Archival Wing and research activities.

Explanatory Note

The functions of University Departments being not merely teaching but also research, some trained personnal to assist the members of the staff and the scholars in research work are necessary, and an Archivist is one such person. He will remain in charge of the Archival Wing, collect archival material, train scholars in archival knowledge and establish liaison between the Department and the Archives.

Secretary's Note

Resolution XIV of the 38th Session (1967) recommended inter alia that the Universities be requested to entrust the

care of their records to officers who had training in Archives Keeping. A number of Universities have welcomed the resolution and assured that they would take necessary steps. Since, however, many had failed to appreciate the intent and purpose of the resolution, the question was raised again at the 40th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission in February 1970. As recommended by it, the Universities have been addressed again on the subject by the Secretary. A proposal urging the Universities to set up a model Archival Cell has been sent to the Universities and University Grants Commission by the Secretary.

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The resolution was not taken up due to the absence of the mover.

(15) Extension of microfilm facilities by the National Archives of India to Universities and Libraries

Resolution by Prof. O.P.Bhatnagar

Resolved that the National Archives of India should set up microfilm units, the services of which should be made available to the Universities and Libraries.

Secretary's Note

Resolution XIV of the 40th Session (1970) recommended that the National Archives of India might set up adequate mobile microfilm units to take microfilm copies of private papers in different parts of India at the request of Regional Records Survey Committees or otherwise. The decision of the Government of India, to whom the resolution has been forwarded, is awaited.